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H PASS: HONORABLE CHARLES MCC. MATHIAS, JR.  
UNITED STATES SENATE WASHDC

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:  
DETENTIONS OF MR. AND MRS. RODOLFO JUAN BEGNARDI  
(322/78/4 AND 323/78/4)

REF: STATE 133548

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST OF MAR 7, 1978, ON BEHALF  
OF    REGARDING THE DETENTION OF RODOLFO JUAN BEGNARDI AND NORA  
JULIA BUCRE DE BEGNARDI, THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S WORKING  
GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT  
MRS. BUCRE DE BEGNARDI IS BEING HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE  
DETENTION (DECREE 3505 OF 1975) IN VILLA DEVOTO PRISON  
CHARGED WITH SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. SHE PRESENTED A  
RIGHT OF OPTION REQUEST TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY IN DECEMBER  
1976 WHICH WAS DENIED IN FEB 1977. IN DECEMBER 1977  
SHE AGAIN REQUESTED THE RIGHT OF OPTION WHICH WAS DENIED  
IN APRIL 1978.

2. MR. BEGNARDI IS BEING HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION (DECREE  
3505 OF 1975) IN RESISTENCIA PRISON (CHACO, PROVINCIE) CHARGED WITH  
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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. IN SEPT 1977 HE PRESENTED RIGHT OF  
OPTION REQUEST WHICH WAS DENIED IN DEC 1977. A SECOND RIGHT

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OF OPTION REQUESTED PRESENTED IN DEC 1977 WAS DENIED IN MARCH 1978.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN THESE CASES AND WILL INFORM YOU OF ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

4. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.  
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